

Codebook for Unpacking the Role of In-Group Bias in US Public Opinion on Human Rights Violations

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Dataset description: 32,000 observations representing 3,200 respondents, with each participant assessing 2 conjoint human rights violation profiles per task and repeating this task 5 times.

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Variable names and descriptions (32000 observations, 68 variables):

- id: Respondent ID.

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
1.0	800.8	1600.5	1600.5	2400.2	3200.0

- outcome1: Disapproval forced-choice outcome. Dependent variable (dummy) coded as 1 if the respondent selected the incident as most opposed, and 0 otherwise.

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
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0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0
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- outcome2: Disapproval ratings-based outcome. Dependent variable rescaled from 0 (strongly approve) to 1 (strongly disapprove).

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
0.0000	0.5000	0.8333	0.7118	1.0000	1.0000

- perp: Perpetrator (partisanship) conjoint attribute.

A Democrat governor	A Republican governor	The Democrat president	The Republican president
7921	8114	8142	7823

- targ_race: Target (race/ethnicity) conjoint attribute.

asian	black	hispanic	middle eastern	white
6399	6268	6542	6279	6512

- targ_relig: Target (religion) conjoint attribute.

buddhist	christian	hindu	jewish	muslim
3684	15499	1583	4277	6957

- targ_citiz: Target (citizenship) conjoint attribute.

American citizens	immigrants with legal status	immigrants without legal status	naturalized American citizens
8614	8518	6400	8468

- elite: Elite cue conjoint attribute.

A Democrat member of Congress	A Republican member of Congress	Amnesty International, an international nonprofit organization,	The American Civil Liberties Union, an American nonprofit organization,
8111	7936	7939	8014

- agent: Perpetrator (agent) conjoint attribute.

a civilian militia group	a private militia group	the military	the national guard	the police
8005	8072	3977	8055	3891

- targ_nonstate: Target (non-state actor) conjoint attribute.

civilians	criminals	journalists	protesters	suspected terrorists
6285	6393	6365	6480	6477

- type: Violation type conjoint attribute.

arbitrary arrest	disappearance	extrajudicial killing	torture
7984	7987	8072	7957

- scope: Violation scope conjoint attribute.

six	twelve	twenty	two
7918	8068	8002	8012

- frame: Framing conjoint attribute.

none	personal	violent
13432	13192	5376

- perp_match: Perpetrator (partisanship) group identity variable. Democrat and Republican respondents are coded as "in" if the perpetrator's party identity matches their own, and "out" if it does not. Independent, Not sure, and Other respondents are coded as NA.

perp_in	perp_out	NA
9689	9671	12640

- targ_race_match: Target (race/ethnicity) group identity variable. White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Middle Eastern respondents are coded as "in" if the target's racial identity matches their own, and "out" if it does not. Native American and Don't know respondents are coded as NA.

race_in	race_out	NA
6741	24539	720

- targ_relig_match: Target (religion) group identity variable. Christian (Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern or Greek Orthodox), Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, and Buddhist respondents are coded as "in" if the target's religious identity matches their own, and "out" if it does not. Agnostic, Atheist, Nothing in particular, and Something else respondents are coded as NA.

relig_in	relig_out	NA
7450	9260	15290

- targ_citiz_match: Target (citizenship) group identity variable. First generation, Second generation, and Third generation respondents are coded as "in" if the target is an American citizen; Immigrant citizen respondents are coded as "in" if the target is a Naturalized American citizen; and Immigrant non-citizen respondents are coded as "in" if the target is an immigrant (either type), and "out" otherwise.

citiz_in	citiz_out
8864	23136

- elite_match: Elite cue (partisanship) group identity variable. Democrat and Republican respondents are coded as "in" if the elite cue giver's party identity matches their own, and "out" if it does not. Independent, Not sure, and Other respondents, as well as Democrat and Republican respondents who saw an elite cue from a human rights organization (HRO) instead are coded as NA.

elite_in	elite_out	NA
4896	4858	22246

- resp_dem: Democrat party affiliation dummy variable. Respondents are coded 1 if they identify as a Democrat, and 0 otherwise.

1	0
12280	19720

- resp_rep: Republican party affiliation dummy variable. Respondents are coded 1 if they identify as a Republican, and 0 otherwise.

1	0
7080	24920

- perp_targ_race: Interaction between the perp_match and targ_race_match group identity variables.

perp_in_race_in	perp_in_race_out	perp_out_race_in	perp_out_race_out	NA
1971	7610	2076	7483	12860

- perp_targ_relig: Interaction between the perp_match and targ_relig_match group identity variables.

perp_in_relig_in	perp_in_relig_out	perp_out_relig_in	perp_out_relig_out	NA
2529	3095	2483	3083	20810

- perp_targ_citiz: Interaction between the perp_match and targ_citiz_match group identity variables.

perp_in_citiz_in	perp_in_citiz_out	perp_out_citiz_in	perp_out_citiz_out	NA
2616	7073	2704	6967	12640

- perp_elite: Interaction between the perp_match and elite_match group identity variables.

perp_in_elite_in	perp_in_elite_out	perp_out_elite_in	perp_out_elite_out	NA
2495	2418	2401	2440	22246

- shared_ident: Count of the number of identities shared between the respondent, target (race/ethnicity, religion, or citizenship), and elite cue giver based on the targ_race_match, targ_relig_match, targ_citiz_match, and elite_match group identity variables.

0	1	2	3	4	NA
3461	5962	3419	892	70	18196

- outcome3: Alternative dependent variable rescaled from 0 (strongly unwilling to participate in a human rights campaign) to 1 (strongly willing to participate in a human rights campaign).

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
0.0000	0.3333	0.5000	0.5459	0.8333	1.0000

- outcome4: Alternative dependent variable (dummy) coded as 1 if the respondent clicked to sign the human rights petition, and 0 otherwise.

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.4366	1.0000	1.0000

- choice: The round of the conjoint survey experiment that each profile was presented to respondents.

1	2	3	4	5
6400	6400	6400	6400	6400

- incid: The order that each profile was presented to respondents during each round of the survey experiment (incid_a = left, incid_b = right).

incid_a	incid_b
16000	16000

- perp_order: The row that the Perpetrator (partisanship) conjoint attribute was presented to respondents during each round of the survey experiment.

1	2	3	4	5
6470	6340	6550	5900	6740

- targ_order: The row that the Target (race/ethnicity, religion, and citizenship) conjoint attributes were presented to respondents during each round of the survey experiment.

1	2	3	4	5
6390	6220	6300	6540	6550

- elite_order: The row that the Elite (partisanship) conjoint attribute was presented to respondents during each round of the survey experiment.

1	2	3	4	5
6410	6140	6190	6980	6280

- targ_race_perp: Interaction between the targ_race_match and the perp_match group identity variables.

race_in_perp_in	race_in_perp_out	race_out_perp_in	race_out_perp_out	NA
1971	2076	7610	7483	12860

- targ_race_relig: Interaction between the targ_race_match and the targ_relig_match group identity variables.

race_in_relig_in	race_in_relig_out	race_out_relig_in	race_out_relig_out	NA
1568	1934	5784	7154	15560

- targ_race_citiz: Interaction between the targ_race_match and the targ_citiz_match group identity variables.

race_in_citiz_in	race_in_citiz_out	race_out_citiz_in	race_out_citiz_out	NA
1890	4851	6807	17732	720

- targ_race_elite: Interaction between the targ_race_match and the elite_match group identity variables.

race_in_elite_in	race_in_elite_out	race_out_elite_in	race_out_elite_out	NA
1081	1013	3773	3783	22350

- targ_relig_perp: Interaction between the targ_relig_match and the perp_match group identity variables.

relig_in_perp_in	relig_in_perp_out	relig_out_perp_in	relig_out_perp_out	NA
2529	2483	3095	3083	20810

- targ_relig_race: Interaction between the targ_relig_match and the targ_race_match group identity variables.

relig_in_race_in	relig_in_race_out	relig_out_race_in	relig_out_race_out	NA
1568	5784	1934	7154	15560

- targ_relig_citiz: Interaction between the targ_relig_match and the targ_citiz_match group identity variables.

relig_in_citiz_in	relig_in_citiz_out	relig_out_citiz_in	relig_out_citiz_out	NA
2072	5378	2588	6672	15290

- targ_relig_elite: Interaction between the targ_relig_match and the elite_match group identity variables.

relig_in_elite_in	relig_in_elite_out	relig_out_elite_in	relig_out_elite_out	NA
1225	1284	1609	1565	26317

- targ_citiz_perp: Interaction between the targ_citiz_match and the perp_match group identity variables.

citiz_in_perp_in	citiz_in_perp_out	citiz_out_perp_in	citiz_out_perp_out	NA
2616	2704	7073	6967	12640

- targ_citiz_race: Interaction between the targ_citiz_match and the targ_race_match group identity variables.

citiz_in_race_in	citiz_in_race_out	citiz_out_race_in	citiz_out_race_out	NA
1890	6807	4851	17732	720

- targ_citiz_relig: Interaction between the targ_citiz_match and the targ_relig_match group identity variables.

citiz_in_relig_in	citiz_in_relig_out	citiz_out_relig_in	citiz_out_relig_out	NA
2072	2588	5378	6672	15290

- targ_citiz_elite: Interaction between the targ_citiz_match and the elite_match group identity variables.

citiz_in_elite_in	citiz_in_elite_out	citiz_out_elite_in	citiz_out_elite_out	NA
1339	1254	3557	3604	22246

- elite_perp: Interaction between the elite_match and the perp_match group identity variables.

elite_in_perp_in	elite_in_perp_out	elite_out_perp_in	elite_out_perp_out	NA
2495	2401	2418	2440	22246

- elite_targ_race: Interaction between the elite_match and the targ_race_match group identity variables.

elite_in_race_in	elite_in_race_out	elite_out_race_in	elite_out_race_out	NA
1081	3773	1013	3783	22350

- elite_targ_relig: Interaction between the elite_match and the targ_relig_match group identity variables.

elite_in_relig_in	elite_in_relig_out	elite_out_relig_in	elite_out_relig_out	NA
1225	1609	1284	1565	26317

- elite_targ_citiz: Interaction between the elite_match and the targ_citiz_match group identity variables.

elite_in_citiz_in	elite_in_citiz_out	elite_out_citiz_in	elite_out_citiz_out	NA
1339	3557	1254	3604	22246

- targ_any: Target (any) group identity variable. Respondents are coded as "in" if the target's racial/ethnic, religious, or citizenship identity matches their own, and "out" if it does not. The same respondents are coded NA as they are for the targ_race_match, targ_relig_match, and targ_citiz_match variables.

targ_in	targ_out	NA
11271	5169	15560

- targ_shared_ident: Count of the number of identities shared between the respondent and target (race/ethnicity, religion, or citizenship) based on the targ_race_match, targ_relig_match, and targ_citiz_match group identity variables.

0	1	2_3	NA
5169	7522	3749	15560

- resp_age: Respondents' age.

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
18.00	32.00	48.00	48.07	62.00	96.00

- resp_gender: Respondents' gender.

Female	Male
17600	14400

- resp_white: Dummy variable coded as 1 if the respondent identified as white, and 0 otherwise.

0	1
9240	22760

- resp_black: Dummy variable coded as 1 if the respondent identified as black, and 0 otherwise.

0	1
27980	4020

- resp_hispanic: Dummy variable coded as 1 if the respondent identified as hispanic, and 0 otherwise.

0	1
26730	5270

- resp_asian: Dummy variable coded as 1 if the respondent identified as asian, and 0 otherwise.

0	1
30710	1290

- resp_native: Dummy variable coded as 1 if the respondent identified as native american, and 0 otherwise.

0	1
31050	950

- resp_middle_east: Dummy variable coded as 1 if the respondent identified as middle eastern, and 0 otherwise.

0	1
31750	250

- resp_relig: Respondents' religion.

Atheist/Agnostic	Buddhist	Christian	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Nothing in particular	Something else
4960	320	15060	130	870	330	7530	2800

- resp_citiz: Respondents' citizenship/immigration status.

First generation	Immigrant Citizen	Immigrant non-citizen	Second generation	Third generation
3970	2340	950	6380	18360

- resp_educ: Respondents' education level.

College	High school graduate	No HS	Post-grad
16670	10320	1270	3740

- resp_income: Respondents' family income level.

\$10,000 - \$19,999	\$100,000 or more	\$20,000-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	Prefer not to say

5450	5140	8800	8660	3950
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- resp_ideo: Respondents' political ideology.

Conservative	Liberal	Moderate	Not sure	Very conservative	Very liberal
5250	5470	9960	2750	3520	5050

- resp_party3: Respondents' 3 point party id.

Democrat	Independent	Not sure	Other	Republican
12280	9130	2060	1450	7080

- resp_party7: Respondents' 7 point party id.

Do n't know	Indepen dent	Lean Democ rat	Lean Republi can	Not sur e	Not very strong Democ rat	Not very strong Republi can	Strong Democ rat	Strong Republi can
10	5710	3080	2580	1270	3510	2480	8770	4590

- resp_hrinterest: Respondents' interest in human rights.

Disinterested	Interested
6570	25430

- resp_attent: Respondents' attention level in the survey experiment based on an Item Response Theory (IRT) Model that aggregates their pass rate for three attention check questions.

Higher	Lower
20590	11410

- resp_time: Respondents survey completion times (short = less than 5 minutes, long = more than 25 minutes, and medium = between 5 and 25 minutes).

Long/Short	Medium
16010	15990